

1. Meaning and Importance of Political Science

Exercises

1 A. Question

Fill up the blanks:

The word Politics was derived from the Greek word _____.

Answer

POLIS

Explanation: The study of the subject Political Science began with the Greeks. Many others like Persians, Indians, Chinese etc too have mentioned their ideas regarding Political Science, but it is not as systematic as Greeks'. The term Politics is derived from "Polis" which means city-State and hence the subject that deals with the affairs of state and cities were called politics by ancient Greeks.

1 B. Question

Fill up the blanks:

'Republic' is written by _____.

Answer

Plato

Explanation: Plato was a Greek political thinker and in his book "Republic" discussed the nature and function of state and government for the first time.

1 C. Question

Fill up the blanks:

Aristotle wrote a book on political science and it is called as _____.

Answer

The Politics

Explanation: Aristotle is recognized as the Father of Political Science. In this book, he discussed the function, origin, and development of the state.

1 D. Question

Fill up the blanks:

Kautilya's work relating to political science is ____ _.

Answer

Arthsashtra

Explanation: In his book Artha Sastra, he mentioned the political affairs of state and its economy.

2 A. Question

Answer the following questions:

What is Political Science?

Answer

Political Science is the study of origin, development, nature, administration, type, and scope of state and rights and duties of the citizens.

It also studies the past, present, and future of political institution's, political functions and political theories.

The study of government, state and human activities are also known as political science.

2 B. Question

Answer the following questions:

Who began the systematic study of Political Science?

Answer

Greeks began the systematic study of Political Science. Aristotle, the Greek thinker is known as the father of political science.

Though many like Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Indians etc have mentioned their ideas of politics prior to Greeks, yet It was Greeks who began the systematic study of Political Science.

2 C. Question

Answer the following questions:

Who is called the Father of Political Science?

Answer

Aristotle, a Greek thinker is known as the father of Political Science, because of his valuable contribution to the growth and development of Political Science. He also wrote a book called " The Politics".

2 D. Question

Answer the following questions:

Give a definition of Political Science.

Answer

Political Science is the study of government, state and Human activities. It provides information regarding birth and death of the state, type of government and political activities involved in the functioning of a state.

2 E. Question

Answer the following questions:

Mention any one use of studying Political Science?

Answer

Use of studying Political Science:

- a. It provides information about the origin and development of ideas such as monarchy, freedom, justice, laws etc.
- b. With respect to past and present, it helps to plan the future activities of the state.
- c. It provides knowledge of constitution and laws of the state.
- d. It helps to understand the organs of the state i.e. legislature, executive and judiciary.
- e. Political Science helps to develop political consciousness among the people and keeps both the government and people politically active.

The knowledge of Political science contributes to the establishment of a just, peaceful, progressive and happy state, which is the dream of millions and millions of people for a long time everywhere.

3 A. Question

Suggested Activities:

Prepare an album highlighting the nature of the Political system in the early period of India.

Answer

The nature of Political System in the early period of India:

The political scenario could be traced back to even the earliest civilization Harrapa, the remains of municipal cities, centralized hall prove that there existed a political system.

The ancient books like Vedas, Upanishads shows that in the Vedic period there were tribes which were headed by a chosen leader, their social living

reflects the existence of the political system.

During Mauryans, Guptas, Cholas etc there used to be a king and there used to be a political system for the administration of their states. There used to fight for territories and power.

Hence ancient India represents a great and impressive political system.

3 B. Question

Suggested Activities:

Discuss the statement of Aristotle given in the book in your classroom with the help of your teacher.

Answer

Aristotle, a Greek thinker known as the father of Political Science, wrote a famous book "The Politics". In this book, he discussed the origin, development, and function of a state. In this book, he discusses a different community called political community different from households and village.

According to him, this is the highest form of the community because human beings are a political animal, and he believes that public life is much more virtuous than the private life.

He said about change this statement of him known as a statement of change-

1. The previous statement results in an impasse.
2. Because for all things that come to be do so either from what is or what is not.
3. Which is impossible.

3 C. Question

Suggested Activities:

'The social needs of man led to the rise of the state' – is it so? Arrange a talk on this topic in your classroom.

Answer

Do it yourself.

4 A. Question

Project Work:

Imagine that you are a member of an ancient Greek city-state and discuss any particular issue of the city-state.

Answer

The student should do by themselves.

4 B. Question

Project Work:

'Dictatorship suppresses the freedom of an individual and democratic institutions'- Collect information and prepare charts.

Answer

When a dictator rules a country or rules over any society or state like Hitler (known as dictator) ruled over Germany before world war II. In these type of situations mostly a military general rules the country, democratic values are at stake. Dictators do not believe in democracy or welfare of people they just want to rule at any cost does not matter people of the country are happy or not are they satisfied by the government. He does not follow democratic rules or principles nor does he follow countries constitutional rules, he does not respect the will of the people, he makes his own rules and tries to impose them on people at any cost.

4 C. Question

Project Work:

Collect information on political ideas found in our epic poetry.

Answer

Poetry in which political ideas found is known as political poetry or poetry of politics. In ancient times also in the present poets wrote political poetry or poetry of politics. The poet writes about society and politics is inherent in a society that's why in the writings of many poets deep understanding of politics found. Examples of political poetries are Kapil Sibbla book My World Within, Varun Gandhi book- The Otherness Of Self.